

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for academic service and leadership; and

Whereas, Beverley Byers-Pevitts, Ph.D., will be installed as President of Park University in a series of inaugural ceremonies to be conducted during the week of April 8 through April 12, 2002; and

Whereas, taking office as the University's fourteenth President, Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts will provide renewed vision and energy to an institution of higher learning which enjoys a history stretching across 127 years; and

Whereas, founded in 1875, Park University has emerged as a national education leader that offers benchmark learning opportunities to more than 17,500 students at its original Parkville campus, MetroPark campuses in downtown Kansas City and Independence, and at thirty-six military and nonmilitary campuses located in twenty states; and

Whereas, Park University students participate in day, weekend, and evening programs and in Internet courses which have been heralded in an accreditation report as "being ahead of 98 percent of the colleges and universities in the nation in providing college-level Internet course work and degree completion programs and online student services"; and

Whereas, noted for its longstanding tradition of excellence, Park University is repeatedly honored as one of the Top 100 American colleges/universities in the nation graduating Hispanic and African-American students; and

Whereas, Park University was recently recognized by the Commission on Military Education and Training as a University for Institutional Excellence in Military Education:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join to applaud the selection of Beverly Byers-Pevitts, Ph.D., as the fourteenth President of Park University in its 127-year-long history and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as she heads one of Missouri's most illustrious institutions of higher education; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the installation of Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts as President of Park University.

Offered by _____
Representative Meg Harding
District No. 30

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 924, adopted March 20, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker